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HELPS READING ROOM

Prineville Brings a Good Drama to Bend.

NET PROFIT IS ABOUT \$34,00

Visitors were Well Received and the Entertainment was in All Respects a Success.

Princville people came out to Bend last Saturday and presented the farce "The Circus Girl, or Arabian Nights" at the B. M. hall to a large and appreciative audience. The production was for the benefit of the Bend Magazine Club. The club treasury was benefited about 534 by this performance.

This amusing comedy was played in Prineville the previous week, drawing well for two nights. Mrs. Belknap conceived the idea of thought this would supply an Mrs. Gillibrand - Mrs. H. P. Belknep a wocated by O'Kane. excellent occasion for a rare exmake money out of it, so the Bend Magazine Club was made the beneficiary, the only condition being the reading room project b.came ven" in a very effective manner. responsible for any deficit that might occur, though the Prineville people did not ask it.

Messrs White, of the Eiler Piano House, and Dunlap, an accountant was excellent. who is experting the county's

books, came over to Bend Friday and took great interest and rendered valuable service in preparing the stage. A number of other Princyille people came over to see this town and to serve as companons for the actors. When evening came the B. M. hall was stuffed with a good natured and appreciative audience, so that it hardly required the work of the band to swell the throng. But it blew a few tunes just to show that the town realized that it had visitors.

The comedy was filled with brought out, and every point went home. Ridiculous situations fol-Here is the cast:

They wanted to visit Bend and Mrs. Hummingtop, Miss Winnie Clin-Rosa Colombier - - Mrs. Julia Lytle:

Miss Ceole Smith sang a very pretty song so well that she was obliged lard rooms, etc. Not until Tuesthat it stand the fixed expenses to respond to an encore. For vari- day night had there been any hint This, of course, was readily assent ety between the second and last or suggestion of including general ed to and five citizens interested in acts Mrs. Wigle recited Poe's "Rammerchants. O'Kane said he was

The orchestral music was sup-

After the performance J. S. Smith tion, invited the actors to an oyster supspent an hour in a pleasant dance.

was found that tickets to the zine Club \$34 05.

THE GROESBECKS RECONCILED

Eoston Mamma and the Burmese Elephants Will Be Lonely.

The Groesbecks are reconciled. Gerald didn't go to stick pins in-Burmese elephants and his wife didn't go to her mamma in Hoston. They are now in San Francisco. What they will do in the future nobody knows, least of all themselves:

When Groesbeck reached Shan iko on his way out from Bend he went to the Columbia Southern botel and remarked to Landlord, Keeney that he supposed it would be no use to tell him anything. Mr. Keeney replied that that was not necessary, as Mrs. Groesbeck had been there first.

"Well, I'll fix her all right" said Groesbeck, and he, began tapping the wires. His messages overtook her at Chicago and she waited for him there. Instead of "bumming" his way across the Pacific he hit the overland trail in a parlor car and joined his spouse in the wicked pork metropolis. From there they went to San Francisco.

It is said that Gerald made all the promises his wife wanted and that all is lovely again.

New Building on Wall Street.

lot on Wall street, opposite where she has been conducting a restaurant. She will put up a two-story

A meeting of the stockholders of the D. I. & P. Co. is called for next Tuesday in Portland. W. E. Guerin jr., will leave tomorrow or next day to attend. The board of on the same day.

WHO SHALL BE TAXED

Question Now Before the City Council.

TO LICENSE BUSINESS HOUSES

Are General Merchants, Blacksmiths, Meat Markets and Professional Men to Pay the City?

The most important matter beaction and its lines sparkled with fore the council last Tuesday night wit. And it was so presented that did not get into the minutes because its strong points were artistically it was an informal discussion of the icense ordinance, which had passed first reading and been tabled with lowed each other rapidly. The several others, and still remains common amateur fault of overdoing on the table. O'Kane contended things was markedly absent from that all branches of business should this production, which moved be licensed, in order to get revenue smoothly from curtain rise to finish for the city. West contended as It was well balanced throughout strongly against such a course, saying it was unnecessary and would Mr. A. Hommingtop, Prof. A. C. Strange kill the town. The others did bringing it out to Bend. The Ralph Ormered . . Mr. D. McLeod not commit themselves fully, people in it readily adopted the Joseph Gillibrand - Mr. Jos Larsen though McMillan had a perceptible suggestion and agreed to come. Dobson - Mr. Aleck Zeverly leaning toward general license as

In the proposed ordinance license Drivy Maitland - Miss Mand Kildder is provided for a number of occupacursion. There was no desire to Barbara . . . Miss Iora Ward tions-peddlers, fortune tellers, auc-Between the first and second acts tioneers, theatrical performances, circuses, card-playing rooms, bilrequired to pay a license to run the saloon business and he thought plied by A. H. Kennedy and Miss other businesses should also pay Beulah Crooks, of Prineville, and it license fee. The whole question has been left for future determina-

> An ordinance to provide for the per at the Smith & Cleek restau- office of city attorney at \$350 a rant. Meanwhile the theater was year was introduced by O'Kane, cleared of seats and the people and read first time. G. C. Steinemann is serving as city attorney Upon easting up the accounts it pending adoption of the ordinance. The committee on city jail report-

> amount of \$91.50 had been sold, ed that the contract of brosterhous mostly by Mrs. W. R. Wilkinson Bros. had been fulfilled and recomand H. J. Overturf, and the expen-mended that the claim for \$302.63. ses totaled \$57.45, leaving the net including \$10.25 extras, be paid. profit for the benefit of the Maga- Sheldon & McKinnon also presented a bill for making extra hasps and staples for the jail, \$5.55, which was ordered paid. Other bills ordered paid were \$75

> > to Marshal Lester for his first nonth's service, and \$25 to Reorder Lawrence for his first month. Council adjourned until the next egular meeting night, March 7.

STAATS MAKES A CHANGE

Sells Merchandise, Resigns Postmastership, Will Boom Town.

W. H. Staats, the Deschutes nerchant and postmaster, this week old his merchandise stock to E. A. Sather, in Bend, and sent his resignation as postmaster to the department at Washington. The Deschutes postoffice is expected to be losed soon as the authorities act in the matter. Bend, less than a mile way, serves the postal needs of the community better than two offices.

Mr Staats says be will for the present devote his attention to deeloping his townsite of Deschutes, which was platted on 40 acres adoining Bend some three years ago. He will now plat the remaining 40 and put the whole on the market, He will also remain in the hotel business at the old stand.

Twenty-four years ago the Staatses came over from Polk county and established themselves on Mrs. Eva Steele has bought the the Deschutes. There were not so many townsites hereabouts then. They have kept the Deschutes building 24x40 feet, which will be postoffice during its whole life. Mr. used as a restaurant below, and she Staats says he may stock up his will rent rooms on the upper floor. store again in the fall but for the present will devote his time and energy chiefly to outside work.

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